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ABSTRACT

10 A riser (10, 50) for supporting a plurality of panels  
(66) to be laminated with a plastic laminate sheet (96),  
which is defined with a press table (12) of a laminating  
press (14) by a plurality of alternating ridges (20) and  
channels (22). A plurality of blocks (36) are received in  
the channels (22) for selective longitudinal movement  
therein, each of the blocks (36) extending from the channel  
sufficiently to define a gap (64) between a distal surface  
15 (42) of the block (36) and an upper surface of the adjacent  
ridges (20). The blocks (36) are movable longitudinally in  
the channels (22) to define wrap gaps (70) between the ends  
(38, 40) of the blocks (36) and the edges (74) of the  
panels (66) supported thereon for the plastic laminate  
20 sheet (96) to wrap under perimeter edges of the panels  
during lamination. A method of supporting a plurality of  
panels to be laminated with a plastic sheet in a laminating  
press is disclosed. A method of modifying a laminating  
press with a riser for supporting a plurality of panels to  
25 be laminated with a plastic sheet is disclosed. A  
laminating press having a riser for supporting a plurality  
of panels to be laminated with a plastic sheet is  
disclosed.

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